

**REGULAR MEETING - MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
AUGUST 12, 2002**

The regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council was called to order by Mayor Elizabeth Paterson at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Hawkins, Holinko, Paterson, Rosen, Martin, Thorkelson

Absent: Bellm, Haddad, Schaefer

So noted that Mr. Haddad was tied up in Legislative Session in Hartford

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Thorkelson moved and Mr. Holinko seconded to approve the minutes of July 22, 2002 and the special meeting of May 20, 2002.

So passed unanimously.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

No comments.

Mr. Holinko addressed an issue of concern. The brook on property owned by Albert Samuels in the Coventry/Fern Road area has become silted over due to the chip-sealing program. This has caused his trout to be driven out. Town Manager will look into this issue and report back to Mr. Holinko and the Town Council.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Issues Regarding UConn Landfill including the UConn Consent Order, Public Participation Relative to the Consent Order and Well Testing.

No comments

2. Eastern Connecticut State University Baseball Complex

No action necessary.

3. Special Meeting to honor retiring Town Employees

Mr. Rosen moved and Mr. Holinko seconded to schedule a Special Meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 4, 2002 in the Town Council Chambers.

So passed unanimously.

4. Route 89/Mt. Hope Road Intersection

Lon Hultgren, Director of Public Works, discussed the issue, however DOT will not lower the speed less than 45 mph as posted on the stretch of road near the Route 89 and Mt. Hope Road Intersection.

Mr. Thorkelson moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to approve and proceed with the project by the DOT however the project should have a minimal impact upon the neighborhood.

So passed unanimously.

V. NEW BUSINESS

5. Establishment of 401a and 457 ICMA Accounts for Employees of Mansfield Discovery

Mr. Holinko moved and Mr. Martin seconded to adopt the resolutions creating 401 and 457 Accounts for Employees of the Mansfield Discovery Depot, as recommended by the ICMA Retirement Corporation.

So passed unanimously.

6. Grant application to Small Town Economic Assistance Program

Mr. Rosen moved and Mr. Martin seconded to authorize the Town Manager to submit the proposed application dated August 12, 2002 to the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management requesting \$500,000.00 in funding under the State's Small Town Economic Assistance Grant Program.

So passed unanimously.

7. Fair Housing Resolution and Policy Statement

Mr. Thorkelson moved and Mr. Rosen seconded to approve the Fair Housing resolution dated August 12, 2002 as presented by Town staff.

So passed unanimously.

8. Estimated Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2002.

No action necessary. Mr. Jeff Smith, Finance Director, discussed the balance sheet.

9. Revised Bylaws for Mansfield Downtown Partnership

Cynthia vanZelm, Director of the Downtown Partnership discussed the changes and answered questions of the Council.

Mr. Rosen commended the Downtown Partnership for revising its bylaws.

10. Classification of Emergency Services Administrator Position

Mr. Thorkelson moved and Mr. Rosen seconded to move, effective August 12, 2002 to authorize the creation of the position of Emergency Services Administrator within the Town of Mansfield Classification Plan and to set the pay grade for that position at grade 22 of the Town Administrators Pay Plan.

So passed unanimously.

11. University Spring Weekend

No action taken. Mr. Hawkins made the point of how the spring weekend events greatly affect the public safety staff and equipment. Last year 12 ambulances were needed for the crowd, which left uncovered areas that, could have needed services. Chip Jordan, Fire Chief of Eagleville, did acknowledge there was a need to use the ambulances within the town and fortunately they were able to do both, however the situation is not the best.

12. Cancellation of August 26, 2002 Town Council Meeting

Mr. Thorkelson moved and Mr. Rosen seconded to cancel the August 26, 2002 regular Town Council meeting.

So passed unanimously.

VI. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

No comments.

VII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

No comments.

VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. JC Martin inquired about revising the committee for Civil Preparedness.

IX. TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

The Department of Environmental Protection will hold a public hearing on the Separatist Road detention pond on Tuesday Sept. 24, 2002 in the Bishops Center Room 3 on the University campus.

On August 8, 2002 the DEP will be holding a public information meeting in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal building on the detention pond.

The steel frame is going up on the community center project and then the concrete will be poured. There is now a sign on the project site designating the project.

Town/Gown meeting scheduled tomorrow is cancelled.

Town Manager handed out the newly printed membership brochure or the Mansfield

Downtown Partnership.

Mr. JC Martin commended Matt Hart and Maria Capriola on the excellent plans for the "Homecoming" event on August 3, 2002 at the Mansfield Hollow Dam.

X. FUTURE AGENDAS

No comments.

XI. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

13. M. Hart re: DEP Public Information Meeting and N. Campus Student Apartment Project

14. C. vanZelm re: US Department of Agriculture Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program

15. E. Paterson and P. Lodewick re: Small Town Economic Assistance Grant Program

16. P. Lodewick re: Mansfield Downtown Partnership Office Space

17. Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development

18. Connecticut Office of Policy and Management re: Environmental Impact Evaluation for Greek Campus and Central Dining Facility.

19. L. Schilling re: Disruption Authorization Request for North Campus Apartments and Suites Excavation and Disposal

20. Connecticut Board of Education-"The Board Report"

21. Connecticut Office of Policy and Management re: 2000 Final Equalized Net Grand List

22. Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection-"State Reports Mosquitoes Test Positive for West Nile Virus in New Britain and Stamford"

23. UConn Students enrolled at Storrs Campus

24. W.Jordan and T.Noel re: Town-wide Dual Response

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Not needed.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:45 p.m. Mr. Thorkelson moved and Mr. Rosen seconded to adjourn the meeting.

So passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk